

IN THE CLAIMS

Please take action regarding the claims so that the status is as follows:

1. (Original) A rear panel for a motor vehicle provided with a roof which can be folded into the rear boot (2) and guidance means able to make the said panel pass from a first position of use in which it extends substantially horizontally between an element of the vehicle chassis (1) and the front edge of a lid (3) of the said boot, and a retracted position in which it is disposed substantially vertically so as to leave clear a passage space for the said roof between the said chassis element (1) and the said front edge, characterised by the fact that it comprises a longitudinally front part (4) and a longitudinally rear part (5), and in that the guidance means are arranged so as to bring the said longitudinally front (4) and longitudinally rear (5) parts substantially parallel to each other, one of the said parts overlapping the other, and to bring these said parts (4, 5) into a second closed position in which the panel is disposed substantially horizontally between the chassis (1) and the rear edge of the rear part (14) of the roof, the rear edge of the longitudinally front part (4) overlapping with the front edge of the longitudinally rear part (5).
2. (Original) A panel according to Claim 1, characterised by the fact that the longitudinally front part (4) of the said panel is

mounted for rotation about a transverse shaft (7) integral with the chassis (1) of the vehicle.

3. (Currently amended) A panel according to Claim 1 [[or 2]], characterised by the fact that the longitudinally rear part (5) of the panel is articulated about two transverse shafts at first ends of two links (10, 11), the other ends of which are each articulated on the chassis (1) of the vehicle about a transverse shaft so as to form a deformable parallelogram.

4. (Currently amended) A motor vehicle, characterised by the fact that it comprises a rear panel according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1.

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